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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 24, 2001, amendment to the above-identified patent application and consideration of the following remarks is requested. Replacement claims and paragraphs are presented below and marked-up amendments are presented on separate sheets at the end of this amendment.

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s):

At page 17, line 13-line 29, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

Alternatively, the polyvalent ions can be associated with exogenous storage structures which are in turn associated with the substrate. The use of exogenous storage structures for the storage of anticalcification metal ions is described in copending, commonly assigned patent applications Serial Nos. 08/595,402, now U.S. Patent 6,193,749, and 08/690,661, both